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Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 CFR 1.53(b) are the specification and claims of the nonprovisional patent application of:

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APPARATUS AND METHOD OF TRANSMITTING PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENTS
DATA TO A CONTROL CENTER

Title of Invention

APPLICATION ELEMENTS ENCLOSED:

1. X Specification, total pages 23 including:
 - a. 9 pages of claims (1-42)
 - b. 1 page(s) Abstract
2. X 6 sheets of informal X formal drawings (Figs. 1-7)
3. X Oath or declaration of Applicant(s) (4 total pages)
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 - c. X Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
(for continuation/divisional with Item 14 completed)
4. Deletion of Inventor(s)
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b)
5. X Incorporation By Reference
The entire disclosure of the prior application is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference herein.
6. Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)

APPLICATION PARTS ENCLOSED:

7. An assignment (cover sheet & document(s))
8. 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee)
9. X Power of Attorney
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10. X Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449
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11. X A Preliminary Amendment
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____ Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No.: _____ filed _____
15. X Amend the specification by inserting before the first line of page one: --This is a Rule 1.53(b) continuation, and claims the benefit of priority, of application Serial No. 09/159,217 filed September 23, 1998.--
16. X Priority of application No. 9-278036 filed in Japan on September 26, 1997. Applicant hereby claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §119.
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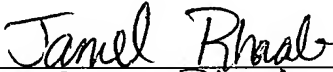
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